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POLAND: Further Talks Slated

Solidarity and government negotiators held brief, inconclusive talks yesterday and agreed to resume discussions today. [REDACTED]

Much of the session apparently was taken up by a government presentation of its still unpublicized report on the incident at Bydgoszcz. Union leaders found the government report inadequate, saying it failed to answer their specific demands. Deputy Premier Rakowski, the government negotiator, apparently took a tough line during the meeting, accusing some in Solidarity of wanting a "holy war" against the regime. The remarks were broadcast later. [REDACTED]

Solidarity leader Walesa probably presented the union's expanded list of demands to the regime negotiators. Solidarity wants the dismissal of officials responsible for the incident at Bydgoszcz, greater access to the media, the registration of a farmers' union and, for the first time, an end to all pending legal actions against political dissidents. The government may be unyielding on this last demand, but the union could be willing to compromise. [REDACTED]

It appears the party leadership is having problems deciding its strategy. Rumors were rife in Warsaw that the Politburo held an all-night session on Tuesday. The leadership yesterday scheduled a Sunday meeting of the Central Committee, probably to ratify its decisions and perhaps to consider personnel changes. A meeting of the parliament is scheduled for Monday, likely for the same reasons. [REDACTED]

The party leadership has been under considerable pressure to concede, at a minimum, that the police used excessive force in Bydgoszcz. Many local party organizations are protesting the Politburo's one-sided statement of Sunday and are calling for punishment of those responsible for the violence. Polish television is said to have a copy of police films of the incident that document police brutality. [REDACTED]

Solidarity chapters throughout Poland, meanwhile, continue preparations for a four-hour warning strike on

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